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**Petition to Accept Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim**

Applicant submits herewith an amendment to the Specification to correct unintentional errors in the priority claim. Applicant previously submitted a similar amendment, which was entered by the Examiner, but was recently informed by the Examiner that a petition and fee were required.

Applicant petitions that this amendment to the priority claim be accepted; the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of 37 CFR 1.78 and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Applicant encloses herewith a check in payment of the \$1,370 fee.

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### In the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0001], beginning "This application claims the benefit of" with the following, in which changes from the original are highlighted:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application serial number 60/215,075, filed on June 10, 2004, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety; and, as a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent 6,461,809, "Methods of improving infectivity of cells for viruses," filed Apr. 27, 1999 and issued Oct. 8, 2002; which claimed the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application serial number 60/083,078, filed Apr. 27, 1998; and which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/139,663 filed Aug. 25, 1998 which is a 371 of PCT/US97/18649, filed Oct. 15, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/732,782, filed Oct. 15, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,817,458, and U.S. Serial No. 08/732,784, filed Oct. 15, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,714,390.